(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for protection of work force in various industries; and

(d) whether the representatives of major industries have been consulted in the matter, and if so, their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The interest of workers in various industries is protected through enactment and implementation of labour laws relating to occupational health, safety, social security, welfare, working conditions etc. The National Commission on Labour in its report submitted to Government on 29.06.2002 has made its recommendations keeping in view the need to enhance economic efficiency, productivity and competitiveness of industry with due regard to safeguarding the interest of working population. The recommendations cover various aspects of labour *viz.* review of laws, social security, women & child labour, skill development, labour administration, unorganized sector, etc. The report is under process in consultation with all social partners including representatives of the industry.

**Demand for international weapon inspectors for Pakistan**

†*250. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had requested U.S.A. to send International Weapon Inspectors to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the U.S. Administration's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.